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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) National Archives		HABS NO. DC-296
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Constitution Avenue, between 7th and 9th Streets, NW		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1931-1937	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) John Russell Pope	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Serves as central archival repository of most important United States documents.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Classical Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Steel skeleton with granite base and limestone facing		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Approx. 330' x 206'; 5-stories of office space and 21 tiers of document storage; projecting porticoes on north and south facades; massive attic rises above entablature		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Facades have applied rows of Corinthian columns; pediments of porticoes decorated by sculpted ornament; large allegorical statues in front of building on both north and south sides		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) 75' high semicircular exhibit hall		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Sculpture by James Earle Fraser, Robert Aitken, and Adolph Weinman		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974.</u> Listed on National Register of Historic Places Category II District of Columbia Landmark		
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